

THE TRUE DEMOCRAT.

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"Another year is but another call of God
To do some deed undone and duty we for-
got;
To think some wider thought of work for God;
To see and love with kinder eye and warmer
heart,
Until acquainted more with Him, and keener
eyed
To sense the need of souls—we serve
With larger sacrifice and readier hand our
kind."
—Selected.

Meeting of Missionary Society.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met at the parsonage on the first Thursday in February and enjoyed a delightful and instructive program and added several new names to the membership. They have now enrolled 46 members, and are trying to increase the membership.

The following officers were elected for this year: Mrs. W. A. Zachary, president; Mrs. O. C. VanBrunt, 1st vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Wilson, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. George Child, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. P. T. Mickler, recording secretary; Miss Jessie Blake, treasurer; Miss Kate Moor, lady manager for Orange Blossoms.

Noted Divine at Baptist Church.

Rev. John H. Eager, D. D., of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church next Sunday, both morning and evening services.

At the morning service, just before the sermon, Judge M. H. Mabry will give a report of the Florida State Baptist Convention, lately held at Bartow, Fla.

In the evening, at 7.30 o'clock, Dr. Eager will deliver his famous lecture on Italy, in which country he lived for sixteen years.

Dr. Eager is a gentleman of wide travel, high culture, fine scholarship, and a preacher of great power and eloquence. Do not miss this opportunity of hearing him.

Mrs. A. R. Sessions, of Iamonia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. A. Jones. Any work that Handley turns out will bear inspection. He is located at the Constantine House.

Miss Hester Anders, a popular young lady from Iamonia, Fla., is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. May Walker, on Park avenue.

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For Fall Gardens.

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Railroad Rates and Labor.

It commences to look as if the people of this country were taking a second thought about the proposition to have railroad rates made in Washington by a government commission. At least, that is what the petitions that have been coming in to Congress this winter point to. Last year when the government control idea was first taken up in earnest, it seemed as if everybody except the railroad man was for it. This year things have been different. From the time when the Senate Committee stopped giving hearings on rate regulation last May to the meeting of Congress again in December six petitions against rate-making by the government were received in Washington to every one for it. For the last two months, since the new Congress met, the balance has continued to be against any interference with the railroads to the extent of giving a government commission power to make freight rates.

The railroad employees are particularly strong against any such scheme and they have not been backward in putting their views before Congress. They argue that Federal interference with rate making will take away from the railroads the greatest part of their control over their own property. The workmen believe that, under the government-made rates, the railroads will earn less money and that the wages of their employees will have to be reduced. They are afraid that the roads, not being able to make their own rates, will not be free to make contracts as to wages and hours of labor with the employees' unions. There are a million and a quarter men on the pay rolls of the railroads in this country, representing with their families at least six million people. About two-fifths of of the yearly earnings of the railroads are paid out to them in wages. In 1903, \$775,000,000 was distributed in this way. Anything that hurts the prosperity of these six million people and makes their buying power less will be a blow to the business prosperity of the whole country. The butchershop and the grocery, the clothing-store and the coal yard where the railroad man spends his money will be hit just as hard as the workman himself.

A good many business men and commercial bodies, too, are coming to see that Federal control of rates might not be such a fine thing as it seemed at first, and they are asking Congress to go slow in making rate laws. The fruit growers in Georgia and Florida don't like the idea of having the shipping service given them by the private refrigerator lines interfered with, as it will be by the proposed Hepburn and Dilliver bills. They are afraid to trust a service by the railroads themselves because the Southern roads are too poor to stand the cost of giving a first-class one.

The Story of a Brook.

To lovers of outdoors there are few things in the wide world which are more enchanting, more altogether delightful, than just such a brook, whose course—whose life, so to speak—I have been trying to bring to the mind of those who know all its turns and whims and caprices in summer and in winter, in spring and in autumn, when much rain had maddened it and when none had caused it to shrink into a warped thing of nature without form and void. We may be hundreds of miles from the brook which we know best, but we know it is flowing just as it used to do, and there is ever the thought that if we cannot see it in its daily moods there are others who may do so. And, no matter the name of the peaceful valley through which it flowed or where that valley may be, it was the brook of our childhood, and there is a brook, or ought to be, away back somewhere in the mind of every one whose heart and memory take him back to the scenes where at least some younger days were spent.—Outdoors.

Wants and Needs.

The moment the monthly salary crosses the bare necessity line, that moment the horizon of wants begins to widen, says Harper's Bazar. For every dollar the salary increases the imagination finds a place for \$2, \$3, \$4 or \$5. A great part of the demands existing in the world today are romantic. How shall the imagination be schooled, where shall the line be drawn?

It should be considered a part of morality to live within the income, but on every side there seems to be an attempt to stretch the \$1,000 income to a \$2,000 scale, the \$2,000 income to a \$3,000 scale, \$3,000 is made to do duty for \$5,000 and \$5,000 is thinly stretched to the breaking point to stimulate a \$10,000 income. With every added dollar the horizon of wants will widen unless the imagination is wisely schooled. Sadly do we need training to draw the line between wants and needs.

Tall Wives, Short Men.

Big men are usually shy and diffident and lacking in self assurance. The woman who appeals to them is usually some sparkling, vivacious, fairylike creature with kittenish ways and roguish glances. The little man, on the contrary, is seldom burdened with humility. He is a being of great aspirations and stupendous ambitions. He believes in himself, which is the reason why he generally can get the woman of his choice to smile upon him. The dainty, Titania-like woman has no charms for him, says Woman's Life. The five foot six or seven man likes a woman to be one or two inches his superior and thoroughly mature. He dreads any trace of the bread and butter schoolgirl. His ideal resembles the strong, heroic woman Shakespeare has pictured, full of character and spirit, with a fair spice of temper.

The Penang Patrol Wagon.

Writing of the local patrol wagon the Penang correspondent of the Straits Times, Singapore, says: "It forcibly calls to mind at first sight a four wheeled baker's cart, bar the fact that it is drawn by about the slowest pair of bullocks in the settlement. There is nothing grim at all about it, for it is commanded by a sleepy Malay constable perched on the box; its roof and sides are formed of white canvas, and it has no door to close at the back, but merely an opening in which another Malay constable half slumbers. Two or three other constables ride inside sitting on the benches with the prisoners, who seem to be too struck with novelty of the ride to make any attempt at escape. I should say that an escape from this prison van would be as easy as falling off a log."

A Dinner.

The bosom of a mallard duck stewed down until there are no juices going to waste, a baked potato about the size of a goose egg, two slices of Boston brown bread right out of the oven and spread with butter that has no athletic reputation, a spoonful of raspberry jelly, a cupful of Young Hyson of moderate strength, a piece of pumpkin pie, man's size, and you have a dinner that ought to keep you in a good humor until curfew rings.—Nebraska State Journal.

The Black Watch.

The title of "Black Watch" conferred on the Forty-second regiment, now the Royal highlanders, originated in the time of the Jacobite risings in Scotland in 1730, when companies of the loyal clans were set to watch the highlands, forming a corps of military police under the title of the Royal Highland Black Watch, the color having reference to the dark tartan worn by the men.—London Standard.

A Bitter Taunt.

The other day at cards two London ladies quarreled long and ardently over a payment of the gigantic sum of 15 shillings. At last the loser flung the money down on the table, saying, with concentrated venom, "There, that will pay for your next dinner party."

Real Estate Sold.

Messrs. Tully & Yaeger Co., have just closed a deal for a lot south of the city market upon which they anticipate putting a two-story building in the near future for their business which has grown very rapidly. They have bought vehicles by sample from the States of Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, Michigan, the Carolinas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia, and have become so familiar with the grades and makes that lead in *Rolling Stock* that they have had to order by wire from the factories that have proven by test to be the best, at the prices whether higher or lower grade. Ring or call on them, and they will always place a *Peach* within your *Reach*.

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